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In re Application of: : **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 10, 2003, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 10, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

It is noted that the Examiner has not yet provided Applicant an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 19, 2000 ("IDS"). A copy of the IDS along with the post-card showing receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is attached hereto. In response to this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide an initialed copy of the IDS, with each reference listed thereon being initialed indicating that all the references have been considered and made of record.